

APRIL MONTHLY GAZETTE

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COVID UPDATE FROM MS AMY

Dear Studio 56 Dance Center and Preschool Families,

I wanted to take a moment and send a message regarding the state-wide mask mandate that is scheduled to be lifted on April 10.

I'm sure many of us see this action as a major milestone, marking the progress our state has made over of the past year. However, businesses (and all of us) are still being asked to act with appropriate caution as we move forward into these new and much-anticipated phases.

While vaccinations are progressing at a positive rate, the risk of COVID-19 transmission is still a factor to account for. As such, we are asking our staff, students, and families to continue wearing masks for all in-person classes, as well as in drop-off and pick-up procedures in and around our studio locations. This will continue until the guidelines for quarantining for an exposure begin to lift. We hope you will see the wisdom in this decision, both for the safety of your precious loved ones, as well as for our continued ability to responsibly provide a place for them to come dance, learn, and socialize.

As a point of information: While we have had a negligible occurrence of COVID-19 in our programs, our students have been able to take over 6,000 classes with zero cases of transmission within our buildings since re-opening. We consider that a major win and owe it, in large part, to your willingness and commitment in following these practices.

As a teacher, a dancer, a business owner, and a mom, I look forward to the day when this is no longer an issue any of us has to worry about. In the meantime, we will continue all of the Safer Studio™ measures that have contributed to our success so far, including providing virtual class options for those who don't feel well, regular well-checks for employees, ongoing facility cleaning, hand sanitization, and face coverings.

As always, we will continue to monitor the situation, making the physical, social, emotional, and mental health and well-being of our students our top priority.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Amy Moore

NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHERS

We would like to encourage communication about our preschool program and would like to welcome any of you to email or speak with us about any questions, comments, or concerns. We really enjoy working with your child and would love for them to have a great experience at preschool. Communication is key to their successful learning experience, so please feel free to email or talk with us before class.

CLASS THEME

The theme for this month is birds. We will be discussing different kinds of birds and their characteristics, talking about nests and eggs.

SKILL OF FOCUS

Skills taught this month will be gluing, coloring, painting, molding, collaging, finger painting cutting, direction following, listening in a group, participating in a group, sharing, and remembering activity songs. Music skills taught are singing and movement to music. Safety taught this month is, "Always wear a seat belt in the car." Health taught is the good habit of getting plenty of exercise.

Vocabulary words discussed this month will be: Big and little, short and tall, on and off, old and new, heavy and light, up and down, long and short, on and over. We will also learn vocabulary words connected with birds.

We will also be talking about rhyming words this month such as hop, top, pop, will, bell, tell, etc.

LOWERCASE CLASS FOCUS

Concepts taught this month will be letters! We would love to have you help practicing letter recognition at home. Flash cards are a really good and fun way to practice. We also know they love to make letters with play dough so see if they will make letters for you!

UPPERCASE CLASS FOCUS

We are sending home speaking parts for graduation for you to practice at home. We would love for you to help them memorize their part. We are so excited! We also are working on not only our letter recognition but now our sounds. We would love to see you practicing at home to help them earn their sound crown.

APRIL 7-8: EXPLORING COLORS, WEAR YELLOW DAY

APRIL 12-16: SUPERHERO/PRINCESS WEEK

APRIL 14-15: DADS AND DONUTS

APRIL 26-30: IN-CLASS ASSESSMENTS

PARENT TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you know that preschool aged children who are read to on a daily basis are more likely to read habitually on their own, be more successful in school, count to 20 or higher, write their own names, read or pretend to read, and carry on these habits later on in their academic careers? 26% of children who are read to three or four times in the last week by a family member recognized all the letters of the alphabet. This is compared to 14 percent of children who were read to less frequently.

According to the National Education Association statistics, children who are read to are:

- More likely to read on their own. (77% vs. 57%)
- Count to 20 or higher vs. those who are not (60% vs. 44%)
- Write their own names (54% vs. 40%)

Read to your child every night parents! Establish a habit now that will help them be successful in their futures!



April 1-14 | ROLLOVER RALLY FOR OUR PRESCHOOL GRADUATES

It's time for "Rollover Rally!" members only perk! Progress Reports and class placements for next season will be coming home in April. Discounted membership fee of only \$30 will be automatically processed on May 1st, 2021 unless the withdrawal form is completed online no later than April 15th. Please contact us via email if you need to make changes to your class. Enjoy your summer when you already have your schedule set up for next season starting August 30th.



APRIL 12-16 | SUPERHERO/PRINCESS WEEK

We are going to be having a THEME week in class the week of April 12-16th. Come dressed as your favorite SUPERHERO or PRINCESS! Make sure you can "dance" or "tumble" in whatever you choose!

DANCER PATHWAY MEETINGS

APRIL 12

April 12 | DANCER PATHWAY MEETINGS

Join us via Zoom to learn about the programs and class options we have for your child's dance journey as they grow with us here at Studio 56 Dance Center!

Preschool Pathways @ 7:00pm

- Meeting ID: 883 5332 0267
- Passcode: grow

School-Aged Pathways @ 7:30 pm

- Meeting ID: 863 9298 9133
- Passcode: grow

APRIL 14-15 | DADS AND DOUGHNUTS

We LOVE Daddy's and Doughnuts. Coming up April 17th and 18th our dads are invited to join their student in the classroom for a half hour read-a-thon and enjoy some tasty baked goods. Please bring a favorite book you and your child enjoy reading together or choose one from our library. If their dad is unable to attend you are welcome to send a grandpa, uncle or any father figure. We will be having a Mommies and Muffins day next month, just in time for Mother's day. Please attend on the day your student has school!

Uppercase A and B dads will come at 9:00.

Lowercase A and B dads will come at 11:45

Uppercase C dads will come at 1:00PM



Academic Preschool Summer Camp registration is NOW open!

Three weeks of fun! A great class to prepare for starting preschool or to maintain skills for the upcoming year. Class itinerary is similar to our regular preschool program, focusing on all areas of learning while having building friendships and confidence. Students will get hands-on science, math, phonics and literature, art, dance, tumbling, and more! Ages 3-5 (Must be 3 by Sept 1, 2021)

ACADEMIC CAMP INCLUDES DANCE AND TUMBLING!

2 sessions to pick from: Session 1 is June 2-16 or Session 2 is Aug 4-18

TUITION: \$119 (after May 1, \$129) Both Sessions: \$229 (after May 1, \$239)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL SUMMER GUIDE!](#)

How to enroll online:

1. Log in to the [parent portal](#)
2. Select "Enroll in a Class"
3. "2021 Summer Dance" schedule
4. Choose your session
5. Checkout, enrollment is not final until you receive an email receipt.

We would love to see you this summer! Please let us know if you have any questions, we are here to help you every step of the way!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION UPDATE:

This past month we were able to support the Taylorsville Drill Team by having our Company Dancers perform as fillers at their year-end showcase. After almost a year, our Performing Company students took the stage as a studio again. It's been a long year where we have had to learn a lot. So much has changed. It's been broken, fixed, and put back together. It was such a positive experience filled with love, support, fun, high energy, and excitement. The kids just loved being on a stage again and you could tell. We had some amazing wins that were not just based on scores. We are so grateful for the opportunity to shine on stage once again.

UNDERWEAR TO CLASS

It's that time of year we would like to remind our female dance and ballet/jazz classes about our underwear rule... Female dancers don't wear underwear they wear tights. We don't wear underwear under our swimsuits and a dancer doesn't wear underwear underneath her leotard. I need your help NOW before the concert gets here. Let's start working on it now so we don't have panty problems at the concert. THANKS!!



SUMMER DANCE! Registration for summer classes and camps is NOW OPEN! Keep your kids moving this summer and join us for classes! Space is limited. View the summer guide [HERE](#).

COMPANY AUDITIONS- JUNE 23-25

If you're looking for exceptional training and an outlet for dance then mark your calendars with the 2021 Studio 56 Dance Center Company summer dates! Our company program is for dancers who want to be challenged to reach their full potential. Find more info [HERE](#)



As the season progresses additional concert information or updates will be posted on our [concert link](#) on our website, in monthly newsletters, and on the school bulletin board. Make it your responsibility to keep abreast of this important information. Our goal is to make the recital an organized, exciting experience for everyone involved. The success of the show is a team effort of students, their parents, the teachers, and the director.

IMPORTANT RECITAL DATES:

- June 5: Concert Pictures & Dress Rehearsal @ West Murray
- June 9: Tumbling Exhibition
- June 19: Concert

"THE SHOW MUST GO ON!" CONCERT 2021!

We have started learning our dancers for the Concert! Please do everything you can to have good attendance! We are so excited for dancers to get to perform in socially-distanced mini recitals this year.

START PRACTICING AT HOME

Our teachers have loaded their choreography and music to [dropbox](#) for you to rehearse at home. You can also access this link on our website under, portal, Concert Info, Practice Videos.

DAD DANCE REHEARSALS START IN APRIL

How amazing are our dance families! We are honored to have so many wonderful dads signed up for this year's Dad Dance! Thank you for being apart of these wonderful memories. We want this to be a wonderful experience for everyone. So, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email.

Rehearsals are held by age. Preschool Dancers (dancers 2y-5years NOT in KND). School-Aged Dancers. If you have dancers in both age ranges, please look for your name on the list twice. Your first two rehearsals will be **dads only**! We will be teaching the bulk of the choreography to you before bringing in your kiddos.

To create ample space and allow for social distancing we will be offering dad dance rehearsals in a couple of different formats. ***Please note that masks will be required for all in-person rehearsals.**

1. **In-Person:** You have been pre-assigned 2 in-person rehearsals. Can't make your in-person class? Let us know so we can open up your slot for another dad to join us.
2. **Virtual:** You have been pre-assigned 2 virtual rehearsals on zoom. Links can be accessed in your parent portal.
3. **Pre-Recorded:** We have choreography pre-recorded and loaded to [Dropbox](#). Please practice at home.

[HERE](#) you can find the full schedule and all the details we have lined up for our dad dance.



FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL DANCERS- APRIL THEME

In April our theme is "Never Ending Story." Each class will be exploring different fairytales. This month we are focusing on: Left & Right, hands and feet, Pointed Toes, Chaine Preps, Dancing w/ a Partner, Creative Movement, Straddle on the head, Excited, Personal Expression. We hope you can find time to review these elements with your dancer at home. It is a great way to get EVERYONE moving!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Studio Closed for Spring Break →				Tuition Due 1	2	3
4 Happy Easter! Rollover Rally Starts →	5	6	7 Wear Yellow Day!	8 Wear Yellow Day!	9	10
11 Super Hero Princess Week →	12 Pathway Meetings on Zoom!	13	13	15	16	17 Dad Dance Practice
18 Freestyle Week →	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 In-Class Assessments →	26	27	28	29	30	

APRIL

- 1-2 | NO CLASSES- SPRING BREAKS
- 26-30 | In-Class Assessments

MAY

- 24-25 | Last Day of School
- 26 | Uppercase Graduation
- 27 | Lowercase end of year celebration
- 31 | NO CLASSES- MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

- 2 | June Dance Schedule Begins
- 2 | Academic Camp Begins
- 5 | Concert Pictures and Dress Rehearsal
- 9 | Tumbling Exhibition
- 18-19 | Concert